GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY TO WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the health and environmental safety provided to the workers do not conform to world standard;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide such facilities as per WTO agreement; and

(d) if so, the steps initiated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a)&(b): The International LabourOrganization (ILO)is engaged in setting world standards in the form of the Conventions, Recommendations, Code of Practice etc. in the fields of labour protectionincluding safety and health of workers employed in different sectors/occupations all over the world. So far India has ratified 2 ILOConventions in the field of Occupational Safety, Health and working environment.

(c)&(d): WTO Agreement does not deal with labour standards and does not mandate compliance with labour standards for Member countries.